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Weekend, April 13-17, 2017

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'We will never forget Christine'

MISSING AND MURDERED

Vigil draws hundreds to North End

Jessica Botelho-Urbanski
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1 2 **People walk down Main Street during a march for Christine Wood in Winnipeg on Wednesday.**
3 **Byron Wood holds a photo of his sister, whose body has yet to be found.** JOHN WOODS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

It wasn't supposed to end this way.

That was the refrain many voices repeated during a vigil in honour of Christine Wood on Wednesday.

The 21-year-old woman from Bunibonibee Cree Nation (formerly Oxford House First Nation) went missing last August during a family trip to Winnipeg for a doctor's appointment.

Her family, including parents George and Melinda Wood, and members of the community, including the Bear Clan Patrol, have been looking for her ever since.

They continued searching Wednesday night after the vigil as Wood's body has not been found. Still, police laid a second-degree murder charge in relation to her case last weekend.

"Tomorrow (it's) seven-and-a-half months that we've been searching for our daughter. But this is not (how) we hoped for it to turn out," said George Wood in the moments before the memorial march began, heading toward Thunderbird House.

"The hardest part is that there's no comfort yet. There's no body," he said. "I'm just going to say I hope he does the right thing, to say where he put her body."

Wood's father chose not to name the suspect — and didn't need to. This night wasn't about him.

Wood's vigil began at a church in the 300 block of Burrows Avenue, steps away from the house where police believe she was killed.

Passed among the crowd were artificial flowers adorned with photos of Wood and the message: "You are so loved, Christine."

About 250 to 300 relatives, friends and complete strangers gathered. Some blessed the area with sage, while others beat drums and sang prayer songs.

Winnipeg Police Chief Danny Smyth led the march alongside Wood's parents, Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak Grand Chief Sheila North Wilson as well as Derek Nepinak, grand chief of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs.

North Wilson and Nepinak offered condolences and thanks from the front yard of the Burrows Avenue home.

"We loved Christine. We will never forget Christine," North Wilson said. "This means a lot to the family, and I wish that we could comprehend and give you the words to tell you that we're thankful. But at the same time we're heartbroken.

"We plead with the man and his family to do the right thing and come forward and tell us where Christine is so she may be laid to rest properly. We want Christine home."

At Thunderbird House, Chief Smyth spoke to a sweltering room packed with supporters.

"This investigation was especially important to me because you were guests in this city when this happened, and we just couldn't stand by and watch that," Smyth said.

"To George and Melinda, my heart goes out to you. I'm sorry for your loss and I want you to know the police are with you."

Outside Thunderbird House, Smyth told Metro he didn't know if any progress had been made in locating Wood's body, but police "have some theories they're working on."

Steps away, Brenda Medeiros was trying to explain to her five-year-old grandson, Tryce, why a crush of people were stopping traffic down Main Street.

"Why is everyone holding a picture of her?" the little boy asked.

"Because somebody took her," she explained. "She's a little angel now."

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Not only is Winnipeg behind 22 jurisdictions in achieving the designation, but it also lags behind Gimli, Brandon, and soon, Selkirk.

Brewing up a fair trade city

COUNCIL

Political will for ethically sourced coffee percolating

Braeden Jones
Metro | Winnipeg

Councillors may not always give a second thought about the origins of their mid-meeting 'cuppa, but soon they could enjoy it more knowing it was ethically sourced.

That's because the wheels are in motion to see Winnipeg designated a fair trade city, which means it supports a system that influences international practices towards social and environmental sustainability.

A motion from Coun. Jason Schreyer produced a report before the city's executive policy committee (EPC) meeting Wednesday that discussed what exactly would be needed for the official "fair trade town" designation.

Donna Dagg, a member of the 15-person Fair Trade Winnipeg Steering Committee that launched in 2014, told the EPC most of the requirements have actually already been met, and the last missing piece is in the committee's hands.

A fair trade city requires a steering committee, demonstrable availability of fair trade products, support for fair trade education, community support, and "political support."

"We meet the first four requirements," Dagg said. "We are here today to show our support for a motion to endorse an application and obtain the last of our requirements: Political support."

In order to show true political support that would give the city official designation, administration would need to adjust its purchasing practices for municipal food services to ensure all coffee, tea and sugar is certified fair trade.

The city would also need to identify future goals for sourcing other fair trade certified products, designate a council or staff member to participate in the monthly steering committee meetings and publish fair trade campaign information online.

If the city obliges, it will join thousands worldwide and become the 23rd in Canada, joining other major municipalities it lags behind like Edmonton, Vancouver, Toronto and Ottawa.

Even in Manitoba, "we have both Gimli and Brandon that have received fair trade town designations… and Selkirk is on the cusp," explained Dagg.

Gimli became Manitoba's first fair trade town in 2009, and Brandon has been the fair trade town of the year for three years in a row since its designation in May 2014.

Congratulations to Eric Reece on his promotion to Team Leader!

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FOCUS ON ILLEGAL ROOMING HOUSES

Councillor targets illegal rooms

CITY HALL

Landlord's appeal fails, Coun. Lukes wants review

Braeden Jones
Metro | Winnipeg

A Winnipeg landlord attempted to wriggle out of an evacuation order for allegedly violating a fire code earlier this week, providing on-the-record insight into a growing problem in South Winnipeg.

Syed Bokhari contested the order issued against his South Winnipeg single-family-zoned home, which stated the building had been "altered or occupied for purposes of providing accommodations for boarders, lodgers or roomers" without conforming to code. According to Bokhari, not only is he not responsible for the 14 beds counted by the fire inspector in the home — as he holds a lease agreement with only one tenant — anyone living in the home with his tenant has a "shared culture" and "shared values," like a single family.

Bokhari also explained he has sought permits for and done renovations to make the electrical, fire alarms, and basement windows code-compliant. Item by item, he went through the rules he was alleged to have broken and earnestly asserted he had done no wrong.

Coun. Janice Lukes introduced a motion calling the city to launch a cross-jurisdictional review on rooming house licensing. METRO FILE

"The premises… under no circumstances poses a threat to life and safety," Bokhari said.

Councillors sitting on the city's standing policy committee on protection, community services and parks didn't see things his way.

Coun. Ross Eadie said "it sounds like there are a bunch of individuals who are not related living in that house… it seems to me this house is not zoned appropriately for that kind of rental agreement."

Bokhari shot back, "Is there any zoning bylaw that it goes against?"

There is, and the fact that it was an appeal for a fire code violation and not a zoning violation didn't matter much.

Director of Fire Prevention Janet Bier said the inspector issued the order partly based on the 14 beds, windows that wouldn't allow °, and locks on main floor bedrooms.

If it were a legal rooming house, it would need smoke detectors, two means of egress to every suite, and fire separation doors.

Bokhari's appeal failed.

While the city addressed this one lone property — akin to many which have proliferated around the University of Manitoba — South Winnipeg Coun. Janice Lukes calls the imperfect process a game of "whack-a-mole."

That was in part why she introduced a motion Tuesday calling the city to launch a cross-jurisdictional review on rooming house licensing and other best practices.

Lukes thinks the "residential licensing" idea — which has had some success in a number of Ontario jurisdictions including North Bay, Waterloo, London, and Oshawa — may work.

It would essentially treat the suites like a small home business and require landlords like Bokhari to voluntarily register their single family dwelling as an income-generating property, giving the city the ability to not only quantify such homes, but also impose hybrid zoning rules that could make them safer.

"It's like a hair salon — you register them, then they have to meet up to obligations," she said.

NEW FEES

The new fire prevention bylaw pending approval would also hit landlords profiting from illegal secondary suites where it hurts: their wallets.

If council approves the bylaw, likely at its April 26 meeting, the city will introduce new inspection fees of $100 per illegal room or suite, with a minimum penalty fee of $500.

"It's putting some teeth into the bylaw, and that's what residents want," said Lukes.

Students dealing with overcrowded rentals

Eric Liu faced a slew of rental problems when he moved from his native China to Winnipeg to study at the U of M.

His main goal was just living close to campus, but he didn't get into on-campus housing, couldn't afford a one-bedroom apartment, and lacked a co-signer for leasing companies to consider him eligible for renting.

He ended up renting a single-family-style bungalow that had been divided into eight separate living spaces. They were each rented out at $450 per month.

"Four people living on the main floor, four people living on the basement, and there was a separate kitchen for main floor and basement," Liu said.

"The landlord even made the living room a bedroom."

"The landlord even made the living room a bedroom."
Eric Liu

In March, one similarly packed home on Pasedena Avenue actually did catch fire — luckily, no one was home.

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Thursday, April 20, 2017

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MUSIC

Ryan Karazija has high hopes for city debut at Park Theatre

Jessica Botelho-Urbanski
Metro | Winnipeg

Ryan Karazija, who plays indie-electro tunes under the moniker Low Roar, speaks just as his alias would allude.

Over a patchy phone line from Toronto, he quietly explains he's never been to Winnipeg and isn't quite sure what to expect from his first show at the Park Theatre.

He'll be opening for indie rockers San Fermin Saturday at 8 p.m.

"It's kind of a tricky slot when you're opening because you can't really give the audience any chances to talk or converse," Karazija said.

"I just look forward to seeing if anybody knows who the hell we are in Winnipeg."

The Bay Area native has earned at least one unexpected fan. In 2014, Japanese video game creator Hideo Kojima heard his music playing in a record store in Reykjavik, Iceland (Karazija's former home base). He liked it enough to feature two tunes from Low Roar's sophomore album, 0, in his game Death Stranding.

Since 0, Karazija has been globe-trotting extensively. He lived out of a bag for about a year between trips to California, Sweden, Iceland, Poland (his new home), Mexico, London and Wales.

> **I just look forward to seeing if anybody knows who we are.**
> Ryan Karazija

In the latter three countries, he recorded his third album, Once In A Long, Long While..., a post-divorce ode to being on the road that drops Friday via Nevado Music.

"To be honest, at first I thought this was going to be more of a happier record. And it's probably the saddest of them all," he said.

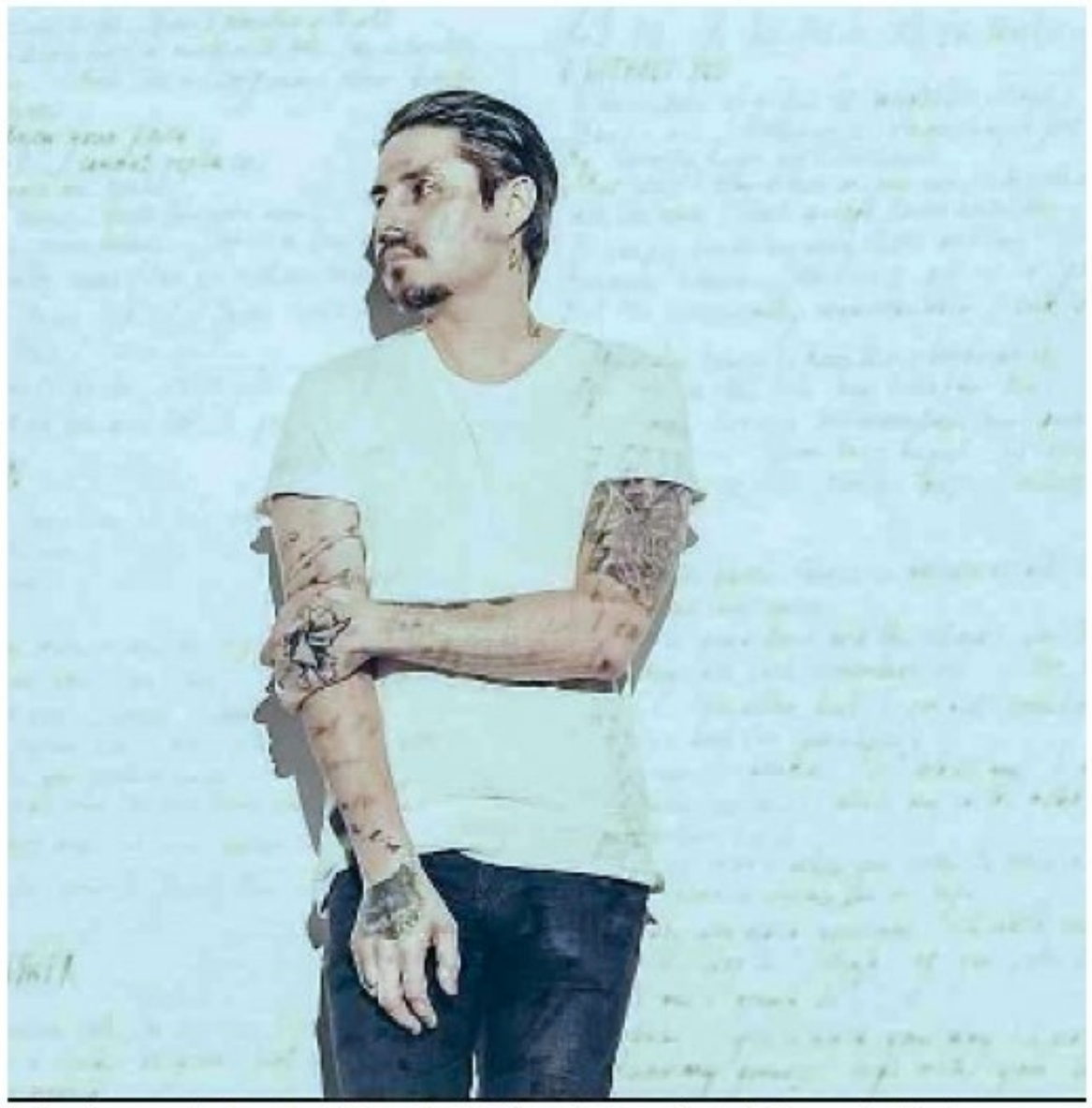
Also unexpected were some of the ambient noises picked up during recordings.

But Karazija doesn't want to give those all away.

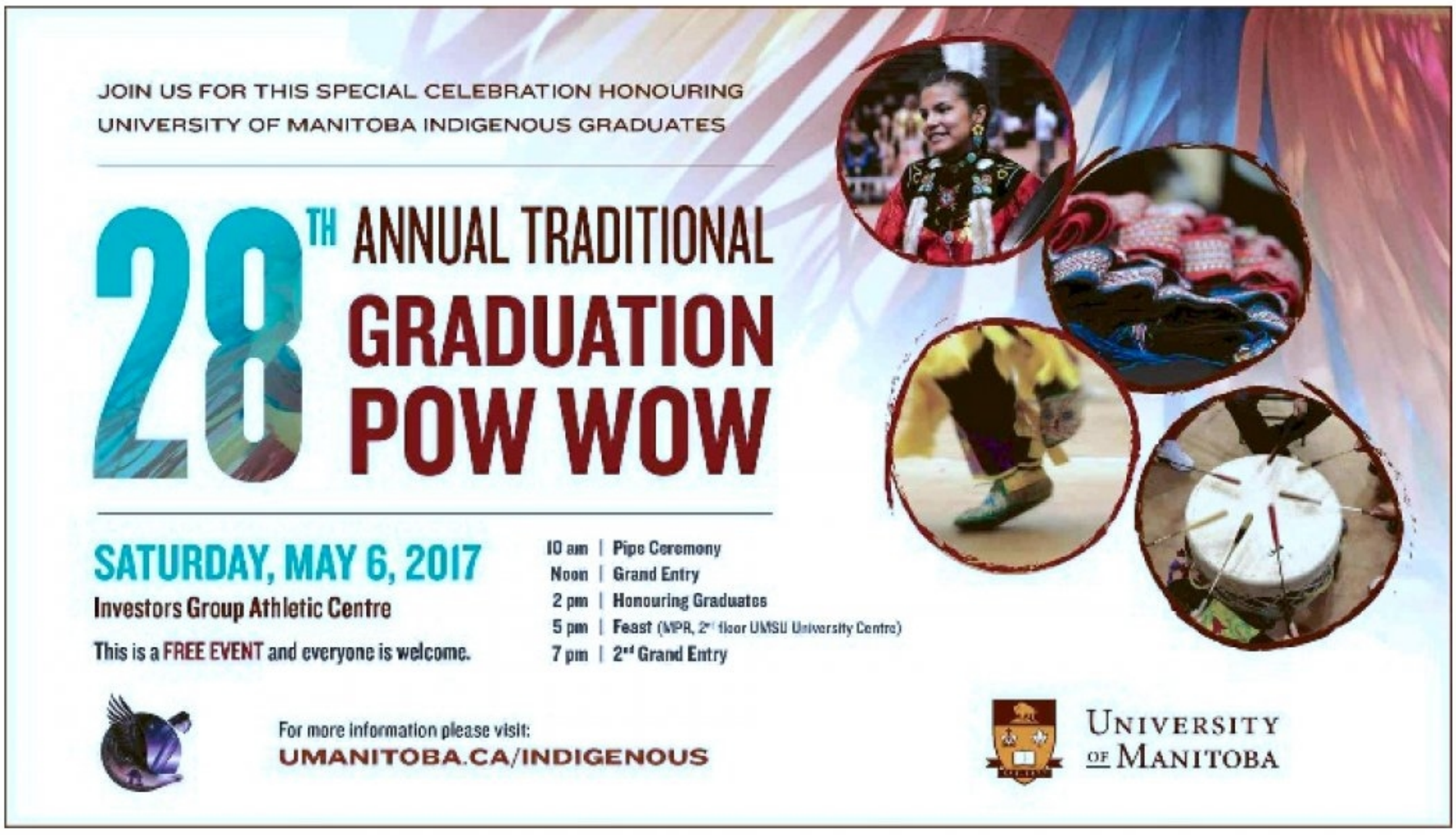
"There's something on one track that I always hear, but nobody will ever know what it is," he said, before letting a bit more context slip — a farmhand in Wales appears accidentally on one song.

"He happened to drive by when we had these microphones out and you can hear this kind of crash of his trailer in the middle of the song," said Karazija, who obviously appreciates the air of mystery.

"It's there, but I don't think anyone will ever really hear it."



Indie-electro artist **Low Roar (Ryan Karazija)** performs at the Park Theatre in Winnipeg on April 15. JESSICA BOTELHO-URBANSKI/METRO



5 THINGS TO DO IN WINNIPEG THIS WEEKEND

Electro-synth tunes from Little Scream, 90s tunes and Easter-related events to round out your weekend.

LUCY SCHOLEY METRO

Big screams

The high-energy, electro-synth tunes of Montreal-based Little Scream is coming to Winnipeg Easter Sunday. If you haven't heard "Love as a Weapon" yet, then pop it on your next playlist and try to resist bobbing along. The Good Will Social Club is hosting this not-to-be-missed show, with Winnipeg's own Figure Walking starting the post-Easter ham dinner party. The show starts at 8 p.m and tickets are $12 in advance.

Laurel Sprengelmeyer, a.k.a Little Scream. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Because everyone loves the 90s

If you're not ending your long weekend at the Good Will, you can always start there with some unashamedly-dance-worthy 90s tunes. The Portage Avenue venue is getting a double-mention this week because it's offering two chances to burn off your chocolate sugar high. Get there for 10 p.m. on Thursday and dance like you don't work the next day.

Get your Easter fill

There are a number of Easter-related events going on in the city, including egg hunts at the Royal Aviation Museum of Western Canada (Sunday between 1:30 and 3 p.m.), ForWhyte (Sunday at 1 p.m.) and Assiniboine Park Zoo (which is open the whole long weekend, including Good Friday). There will also be a slew of Easter brunches around the city, including The Metropolitan's 1920s-themed meal, complete with silent films playing in the background. Regular adult tickets cost $39.99.

Even more chocolate

Ciao! Chocolate Fest continues all April with its sweet dessert deals. A number of restaurants across Winnipeg — including Piazza De Nardi, Tall Grass Prairie, Eva's Gelato and Saddlery on Market — are serving up chocolate-y dishes for just $7.

Electro-art experience

For a trippy art-music experience, head to Forth Café on Saturday night. Canadian cassette label Magnetic Domain is hosting a night of funky visuals to the tune of electronic and distorted synth sounds. Among the performers are Jon Vaughn and Colby Richardson, whose "Mellotrauma" is reminiscent of an eerie sound bite from a David Lynch flick. Tickets cost $10 and the evening starts at 8 p.m.

WHAT'S OPEN AND CLOSED?

Museums and galleries
The Canadian Museum for Human Rights and Assiniboine Park Zoo will be open all weekend, including Good Friday. The Royal Aviation Museum will be closed Good Friday, but open the rest of the weekend. The Winnipeg Art Gallery will be closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday. The Manitoba Museum will be open Good Friday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and closed Easter Monday.

Liquor Mart
All Winnipeg Liquor Mart locations will be closed Good Friday and Easter Sunday but open for extended hours on Saturday.

Shopping Centres
Polo Park, St. Vital, Kildonan Place and Grant Park will all be closed Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

City services
All civic offices are closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday.

LUCY SCHOLEY/METRO

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Under the authority of The City of Winnipeg Charter, the Community Committee listed below will conduct PUBLIC HEARINGS for the purpose of allowing interested persons to make submissions, ask questions or register objections in respect of the application(s) listed below. Information or documents concerning the applications and a description of the procedure to be followed at the public hearings are available for inspection at Unit 15 - 30 Fort Street or at the Community Committee offices located in the City Clerk's Department, Council Building, 510 Main Street between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday, excluding holidays; or on-line at http://www.winnipeg.ca.

RIEL COMMUNITY COMMITTEE PUBLIC HEARING

Date: Monday, May 1, 2017 **Time:** 5:00 P.M. **Location:** Council Building, 510 Main Street

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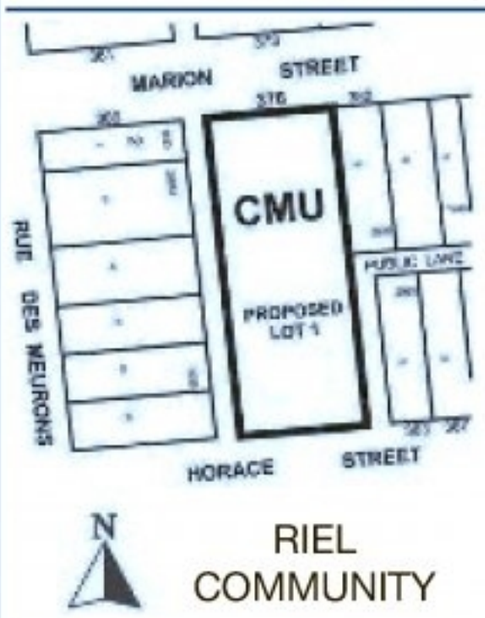

APPLICANT: PHILIP ANDROMIDAS
FILE: DASZ 4/17
PROPOSAL: An application for the approval of the plan of subdivision shown outlined above as may be determined by Council and for a proposed zoning change to By-law No. 200/2006 By rezoning the land shown outlined above from a "C2" COMMERCIAL COMMUNITY DISTRICT and an "R2" RESIDENTIAL TWO-FAMILY DISTRICT to a "CMU" COMMERCIAL MIXED-USE DISTRICT to facilitate the consolidation of lands for the construction of a multi-family dwelling and maintenance of a commercial building. **For information, phone Mr. R. Mahé, Planner at 204-986-8631.**

DEMANDEUR: PHILIP ANDROMIDAS
Nº DE RÉFÉRENCE: DALZ 4/17
PROJET: Demande d'approbation par le Conseil du plan de lotissement indiqué ci-dessus et proposition de modification du *Zoning by-law No. 200/2006* (règlement municipal sur le zonage) visant à modifier le zonage des sols délinéés ci-dessus de sorte qu'ils passent de la catégorie C2 (SECTEUR COMMERCIAL COMMUNAUTAIRE) et de la catégorie R2 (SECTEUR RÉSIDENTIEL BIFAMILIAL) à la catégorie CMU (SECTEUR COMMERCIAL POLYVALENT) en vue de faciliter le remembrement des terres et de permettre la construction d'une habitation multifamiliale et le maintien d'un immeuble commercial. **Pour plus de renseignements, veuillez communiquer avec M. R. Mahé, urbaniste, au 204-986-8631.**

APPLICANT: CITY OF WINNIPEG, PLANNING, PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
FILE: DASZ 5/17
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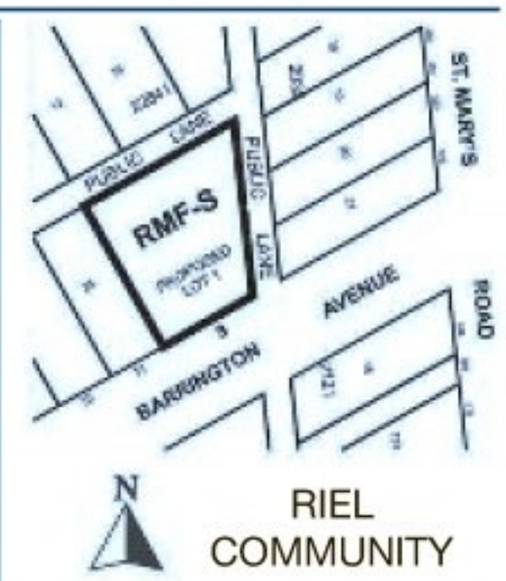

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DEMANDEUR: EXEMPLAR DEVELOPMENTS
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Malala's nudge to Parliament

PARLIAMENT HILL

Teen activist an honorary Canadian, asks country to lead

The irrepressible Malala Yousafzai, the teenage Nobel Peace Prize winner who survived a Taliban bullet in 2012, delivered an enduring message of hope, perseverance and inspiration Wednesday — and did it as an honorary Canadian citizen.

Yousafzai used her newfound membership in the Canadian family and towering presence on Parliament Hill to apply a little friendly pressure, calling on the country to go beyond honorifics and take a global lead in ensuring more girls can go to school.

"I know where I stand," Yousafzai said during a moving speech to a joint session of Parliament that was punctuated frequently by thunderous standing ovations. "If you stand with me, I ask you to seize every opportunity for girls' education over the next year."

The 19-year-old called on Canada to make girls' education the centrepiece of its work as host of the G7 next year something that would bring full circle the process of how the Pakistani activist became Canada's sixth honorary citizen.

The accolade was originally to be conferred by former Conservative prime minister Stephen Harper, whose inner circle thought honouring Yousafzai would be a logical offshoot of their government's focus on women and girls' health when Canada last led the G7.

She was to have received the honour on Oct. 22, 2014, but on that day a gunman rampaged through the very building where Yousafzai stood Wednesday.

"The man who attacked Parliament Hill called himself a Muslim, but he did not share my faith," she said.

"I am a Muslim and I believe that when you pick up a gun in the name of Islam and kill innocent people, you are not a Muslim anymore."

The gunman "shared the hatred" of the man who attacked the Quebec City mosque in January, who killed civilians and a police officer in London three weeks ago, who killed 132 school children at Pakistan's Army Public School in Peshawar, she said.

"The same hatred as the man who shot me."

Malala sang Canada's praises throughout her speech.

"'Welcome to Canada' is more than a headline or a hashtag," she said. "It is the spirit of humanity that every single one of us would yearn for, if our family was in crisis. I pray that you continue to open your homes and your hearts to the world's most defenceless children and families — and I hope your neighbours will follow your example."

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Pakistani activist and Nobel Peace Prize winner Malala Yousafzai is presented with an honorary Canadian citizenship by PM Justin Trudeau on Parliament Hill Wednesday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

WILDLIFE

Canadian butterfly, polar bear at risk

Polar bears and the Canadian monarch butterfly have been added to an international list of species and subspecies that are at risk of disappearing entirely from the planet.

The list is part of a new report released today at an international biodiversity conference in Ottawa.

The NatureServe Canada report, On Guard for Them, finds 517 species and subspecies found in Canada to be in jeopardy — some on the verge of extinction, others just recently classified as vulnerable.

Of those, 213 are found only in Canada, leaving this country solely responsible for keeping them from being wiped off the face of the earth.

The latest report includes subspecies for the first time — including one particular variant of the monarch butterfly — which is now ranked as vulnerable. So is the polar bear, which was not on the 2005 list. The polar bear was also added to Canada's national species-at-risk list in 2008.

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IN BRIEF

Researcher drowns

A renowned HIV/AIDS researcher from Montreal has died in Florida.

Police in Bal Harbour, Fla., say Mark Wainberg drowned Tuesday while swimming with his son. Acting Capt. Miguel De La Rosa says Wainberg's son was able to pull his father back to shore.

He says Wainberg, who was in his early 70s, was pronounced dead in hospital. De La Rosa says there were red flags posted at the beach.

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PHILIPPINES

Troops kill militant who murdered two Canadians

Philippine troops battling militants in a central province have killed a key Abu Sayyaf commander who had been blamed for the beheadings of two Canadian hostages in 2016.

The Philippines military chief of staff Gen. Eduardo Ano told The Associated Press that troops have recovered and identified the remains of Moammar Askali, who used the nom de guerre Abu Rami, in the scene of the battle in a far-flung coastal village on Bohol island.

Five other Abu Sayyaf gunmen were killed in the fighting on Tuesday, along with four soldiers and policemen.

Askali was blamed for the kidnappings of John Ridsdel and Robert Hall in September 2015. The Canadians had been taken from a marina by Abu Sayyaf gunmen along with a Norwegian man, Kjartan Sekkingstad, and Hall's Filipino girlfriend, Marites Flor.

The militant group demanded a ransom, which Canada refused to pay, and both Canadian men were beheaded. THE CANADIAN PRESS

‘Kids are fighting over empty bottles’ in Somalia

FOCUS ON FAMINE

The UN’s calls for aid have fallen largely on deaf ears

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

The magnitude of drought caught Mahmood Qasim and his team off guard when they landed in Somaliland (northern Somalia) last Friday.

The heat is unbearably extreme, with daytime temperature hovering around 40 C. Thousands of displaced families leave their dead livestock behind and travel hundreds of kilometres on foot to reach makeshift camps, where it’s easier for aid organizations to distribute food and water. Desperate children line up on roads hoping for passersby to throw anything at them to eat.

Mahmood Qasim, left, is in northern Somalia to oversee projects to distribute food and water supplies to people facing famine. CONTRIBUTED

“Kids are fighting over empty bottles, trying to squeeze out the last drop of water,” said Qasim from Mississauga, speaking to Metro this week from Ainabo, Somaliland.

As a member of the Islamic Relief Canada, Qasim traveled with some members of the Somali Canadian Task Force on Famine Prevention in Somalia — one of the four countries facing a famine outbreak according to the United Nations.

Metro has chronicled the ongoing food insecurity in Somalia, Nigeria, South Sudan and Yemen. Efforts by immigrants from affected countries have sprung up across the country to raise funds for people in need of immediate assistance. The Islamic Relief Canada has committed to raising $1.2 million for Somalia. They’ve collected over $300,000 so far.

The situation is so dire Qasim and his team had to delay their return time, in an effort to reach more affected regions. About 600 households in Ainabo received food and water supply on Monday. Another 400 displaced families in Waridaad got supplies Wednesday, while plans are underway to visit Bohotle camps near Ethiopia. Even then, Qasim knows their efforts aren’t enough to avert the crisis he’s witnessing.

“It’s not even close,” he said. “This is going to become a major crisis if nothing is done to stop it.”

TRAVEL

‘This will never happen again on a United flight’

The chief executive of United Airlines said the carrier will no longer ask police to remove passengers from full flights after the uproar over a man who was dragged off a plane by airport officers in Chicago.

In an interview with ABC’s “Good Morning America” aired Wednesday, Oscar Munoz said he felt “ashamed” watching video of the man being forced off the jet. He has promised to review the airline’s passenger-removal policy.

Munoz, who leads United’s parent company, apologized again to Kentucky physician David Dao, his family and the other passengers who witnessed him being taken off the flight.

“That is not who our family at United is,” he said. “This will never happen again on a United flight. That’s my promise.”

In the future, law enforcement will not be involved in removing a “booked, paid, seated passenger,” Munoz said.

Munoz called the embarrassment a “system failure” and said United would reassess its procedures for seeking volunteers to give up their seats when a flight is full.

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WHITE HOUSE

Sean Spicer says his Hitler comment was ‘inexcusable’

White House press secretary Sean Spicer said Wednesday that his attempt to compare the Holocaust and Syrian President Bashar Assad’s use of chemical weapons was “inexcusable and reprehensible” and was made all the worse by this being a holy week for Christians and Jews.

He said the comment, made Tuesday at the White House briefing, was personally and professionally disappointing.

“To make a gaffe and a mistake like this is inexcusable and reprehensible,” Spicer said during a previously scheduled appearance. “It really is painful to myself to know that I did something like that,” he said. It was Spicer’s second apology in as many days.

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Charging Bull's sculptor challenges Fearless Girl

STREET ART

Threatens to sue, says statue violates artistic copyright

Andrew Fifield
Metro | Toronto

Wall Street's Fearless Girl has spent weeks in a staring match with Charging Bull, and the bull blinked first.

The statue of the steadfast girl, with hands firmly pressed to her hips, first appeared on the Lower Manhattan traffic island on March 7 to mark International Women's Day.

The statue was created by artist Kristen Visbal, who was commissioned by a New York advertising firm and a Boston investment bank, as a pointed message to corporate America about the lack of women in their boardrooms.

She was also enough of a hit with New Yorkers and tourists that city officials granted a permit that will keep her there until at least February 2018.

"The bull represents mean and power," said Romanian student Cristina Pogorevici. "So she is a message of women's power and things that are changing in the world right now."

However, the sculptor behind the bull is hearing a vastly different message. Where others see an inspiring note for women and girls, Arturo Di Modica sees "an advertising trick" that is violating his legal rights.

Fearless Girl appeared on Wall Street on March 7 to mark International Women's Day.
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> **The girl has changed the meaning of the bull forever.**
> David Levi Strauss

"I put it there for art," the Italian-born artist told MarketWatch in March. "My bull is a symbol for America. My bull is a symbol for prosperity and strength," adding that Fearless Girl infringes on his artistic copyright by offsetting it with a distinctively different element.

This week, in a bid to once again make his bull the master of its domain, Di Modica has turned to another symbol for America: threats of litigation.

The Italian-born artist has enlisted a lawyer to challenge city officials that granted the permit. Attorney Norman Siegel says he will be seeking the decision's paper trail to ensure proper procedures were followed.

Perhaps ironically, Di Modica's pursuit may be a violation of the bull's own guerrilla past. The 7,000-pound sculpture was first dropped in front of the New York Stock Exchange in the middle of a 1987 night – without a permit – as a message of resilience in the wake of a financial crash. Much like its future island rival, the bull immediately set the city buzzing and officials eventually acquiesced to intense public pressure to make the piece a permanent fixture.

For her part, Fearless Girl's creator says she has no hard feelings.

"I love Charging Bull," Kristen Visbal told the Associated Press last month. "But women are here, and we're here to stay."

Whether she stays or she goes, the resolute sculpture has already changed her neighbourhood. "The girl has changed the meaning of the bull forever," said David Levi Strauss from the Manhattan School of Visual Arts. "With public art like this, it's a Rorschach test onto which people are projecting their own opinions and feelings."

FEDERAL LEGISLATION

Legal marijuana bill may call for plain packaging

Growers are bracing for Thursday's federal legislation on legal marijuana, which sources say is expected to require the drug to be sold only in plain, brand-free packaging. That prospect has pot producers warning the government they won't be able to compete with the black market without some form of branding.
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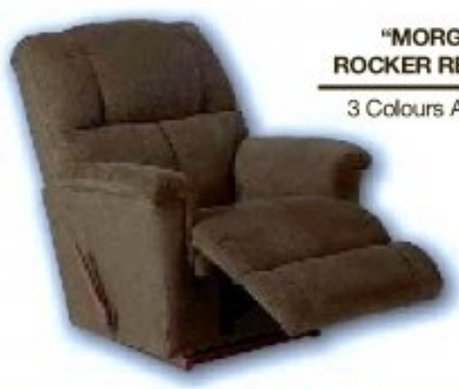

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VINAY MENON ON BILL O'REILLY'S VACATION

O'Reilly told viewers he'd be back in two weeks. But there is an internal debate at Fox about his future.

Bill O'Reilly is taking a vacation that should be permanent.

"This time of year, I grab some vacation because it's spring and Easter time," O'Reilly told viewers on Tuesday night, sporting the fake smile of a creep under siege who secretly fears the jig is up. "Last fall, I booked a trip that should be terrific."

He did not reveal his itinerary, possibly to avoid tipping off women he may decide to sexually harass on his travels: "Yes, front desk? I need some loofah and your hottest cleaning lady sent to my room, pronto. Is there a masseuse on staff, preferably of Balinese descent? I'd like to show her something. Do you know if there are any Scandinavian flight attendants staying here? Oh. I see. Well, what are you wearing right now? Care to visit my pro-spin zone?"

Is this grossly unfair? No. Actually, it's not. If the above references are unclear, read the 23-page statement of claim in a sexual harassment lawsuit that a former producer from The O'Reilly Factor filed in 2004. It's a mind-blowing document that ended up on The Smoking Gun; just don't read it if you're eating a falafel, or ever again plan to eat a falafel.

At the time, Fox News treated the lawsuit as a regrettable aberration, possibly even one big misunderstanding. It was a one-off, execs whispered to reporters off the record — a one-off that warranted no official reprimand.

O'Reilly, then as now, was the network's biggest star. And even if he's widely perceived as a huffing and puffing gasbag who profits from random skirmishes in the culture wars he starts with his arsenal of intellectually dishonest grenades, he was and is ratings gold. Fox News without Bill O'Reilly, went the thinking inside Fox News, would be like McDonald's without the Big Mac.

Yes, unless the Big Mac was suddenly linked to a massive outbreak of E. coli.

After a number of scandals at the network recently — including the dismissal of former chairman Roger Ailes last summer over, yes, charges he sexually harassed a number of female employees — can Fox afford to keep its biggest money-maker?

That's the real question.

As O'Reilly says, "The truth hurts." And the truth is that after scolding the world for more than two decades, after harnessing populist rage and making a killing as an alleged champion of decency and family values, O'Reilly's alleged indecency is now the story.

Unlike the lawsuit in 2004, the story this time won't fade into the ether. As this month's exodus of advertisers from The O'Reilly Factor suggests, companies are now far more likely to take a zero-tolerance stand against sexual harassment.

Sponsors don't want to be associated with predatory allegations.

The top-line damage to reputation overshadows the bottom line.

O'Reilly's downward spiral started earlier this month with an investigation by the New York Times. The newspaper discovered a total of $13 million has been paid to five women over the years "in exchange for agreeing to not pursue litigation or speak about their accusations against (O'Reilly)."

Fox News host Bill O'Reilly should make his upcoming vacation permanent, writes Vinay Menon. AP PHOTO

Why the eight digits of hush money? It seems the complaints against the talking head cover a "wide range of behaviour, including verbal abuse, lewd comments, unwanted advances and phone calls in which it sounded as if Mr. O'Reilly was masturbating."

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According to the story, there was a "pattern" here: "Mr. O'Reilly would create a bond with some women by offering advice and promising to help them professionally. He then would pursue sexual relationships with them, causing some to fear that if they rebuffed him, their careers would stall."

That pattern, incidentally, was crystal clear in the 2004 lawsuit, which according to the Times, was settled out of court for roughly $9 million. But nothing was done.

So now O'Reilly is "on vacation." If he's travelling on United Airlines and the flight is overbooked, maybe he'll be dragged off the plane, battered and bruised. If that happened, he'd at least get a taste of how it feels to be abused by those in authority, to have his personal safety compromised and his rights violated just because someone thought they could get away with a reprehensible act.

He might even get new insights into what he's accused of doing.

O'Reilly told viewers he'd be back in two weeks. But as New York magazine reported on Tuesday night, there is an internal debate at Fox about his future.

There are those who believe he should never return from vacation.

Ironically, that's exactly what O'Reilly would favour if similar charges were levelled against a rapper, Hollywood liberal, feminist, leftist, atheist, tree-hugger, moonbat or any of the other enemy groups he's railed against as the stern granddaddy of conservative censure. He'd be screaming for blood right now.

This might be something he thinks about if his vacation never ends.

Vinay Menon is a Toronto Star entertainment columnist.

Students need role models to achieve true equity in school

Vicky Mochama
Metro

School can be pretty racist.

At one dance at my high school, a couple students showed up drunk. The school naturally involved the parents. In the end, the white kids who'd broken the rules were given light punishments, but the black boy was given a full week's suspension.

This was standard at my school. The white kids were given the benefit of the doubt while the full weight of the institution was brought to bear on the black students. At times, it was punitive. But at others, it looked like the bigotry of low expectations, such as guidance counsellors who steered black students away from university-oriented courses and toward college or technical ones.

There is another way school can be pretty racist. I lucked out on having parents who used to be teachers. But in 12 years of education across six schools, I only ever had one black teacher.

A recent working paper from the IZA – the Institute of Labor Economics found that having just one black teacher during elementary school decreases the probability of low-income black boys dropping out by nearly 40 per cent. Moreover, black students who'd had one black teacher were more likely to say they expected to go to college.

While the research is American, the conclusion is useful for schools here: Diversity within the teaching ranks isn't just a statistical measure about "representation." It is actually essential for students to see role models in order to imagine their own success.

Equity builds on diversity by letting students of all races see teachers of colour in a range of positions within education.

Another American study showed that students of all races are more likely to have positive perceptions of teachers of colour, and that this perception was linked to performance in standardized tests.

Canada's demographic changes are going to be felt in our schools. Around cities especially, the commitment of school boards to equity is going to affect how well non-white students do.

For a long time now, parents in York Region District School Board, just north of Toronto, have complained that their kids were facing a system of racism and discrimination. A report this week vindicates the parents. The trustee who referred to a parent with a racial slur isn't an anomaly but, rather, proof of a systemic problem and a lack of skilled leadership.

The report notes that under the current director of education, the board had made equity "a foundational practice." Parents, however, were unclear what that meant. Furthermore, presentations on equity showed no specific plans or targets.

Equity – and its partners, diversity and inclusion – have become vague terms. But in school, especially, it is essential that they are clearly understood and made a priority.

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Take a flagging franchise, add Dwayne Johnson and watch flaccid box office numbers suddenly grow, writes Richard Crouse. CONTRIBUTED

Johnson is 'franchise Viagra'

IN FOCUS

Former wrestler is Hollywood's biggest actor

Richard Crouse
For Metro Canada

A movie star is someone who can carry a movie, a person audiences will line up to see no matter what the film. There's no formula, just equal parts talent, charisma and staying power.

For years Tom Cruise and Will Smith ruled the Hollywood roost, but Cruise's couch jumping tarnished his star (unless he's headlining a movie with the words Mission Impossible in the title) and Smith has hit a box office rough patch.

These days, Hollywood's biggest movie star is a former wrestler who made his acting debut playing his own father on an episode of That '70s Show. Since then Dwayne Johnson's paycheques have blossomed along with his popularity and in 2016 he was the world's highest-paid actor, in part due to his reputation as "franchise Viagra."

It's a simple formula. Take a flagging franchise; add Johnson and flaccid box office numbers suddenly grow. Case in point, the Fast and Furious series. Johnson signed on for the fifth instalment, playing Diplomatic Security Service agent Luke Hobbs, helping that movie make north of six-hundred million dollars. His over-the-top presence drove the grosses of the next two F&F movies to the stratosphere. This weekend's The Fate of the Furious is poised to shatter even more records.

Haters, like a recent commenter at Variety.com, who complained that Johnson, "has never done a compelling complex character, only mindless good vs evil roles," miss his populist appeal.

Despite his Greek God physique, he's an everyman, a charismatic crowd-pleaser with a cocked eyebrow.

His appeal continues off screen as well. He's a big deal now but that wasn't always the case and he's positioned himself as an inspirational figure, a muscle bound Tony Robbins. "I started w/ $7 bucks. If I can overcome, so can you," he tweeted when he was crowned the World's Highest-Paid Actor.

"I have enjoyed a good amount of success and I'm very grateful for everything I have," he told me a few years ago.

MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

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Poet Emily Dickenson is portrayed by Cynthia Nixon

Richard Crouse
For Metro Canada

"Success is counted sweetest, By those who ne'er succeed," wrote Emily Dickenson in one of the seven poems she published during her lifetime.

Those lines must have played on the minds of the filmmakers behind A Quiet Passion, a biopic of the reclusive nineteenth century poet. Production suffered setback after setback while bringing the story to the screen.

Five years after being offered the role Cynthia Nixon said, "I never thought it would come together. I thought, 'Thank you for thinking of me, it is a good part for me but I don't see how you are going to get this made.'"

The former Sex and the City star often thought about the project but claims she was never impatient at the film's lack of progress.

"I started acting as a 12-year-old and I went to a very tough school and what that taught me was that when I was up for a job that I really wanted and I didn't get, I would think to myself, 'At least I don't have to do double duty. I don't have to do school and work.' Now I have three children and am married. I run a household so when I am not working, I feel it less than other people.

"If you are in something for the long haul you are not constantly taking its temperature."

It took years but Nixon and director Terence Davies succeeded in telling Dickenson's story, bringing to cinematic life not only the facts — she was reclusive and never married — but also the essence of a person with an insatiable need to question societal norms.

"The questions she is asking as a person and as a woman," says Nixon, "they are big questions. How do I deal with all this love I feel? What does it mean to be intimate with another person? Will I lose myself and do I want to lose myself? I think she was so ahead of her time in thinking these things were an option, like whether she would marry or not. For her that was a question. It wasn't like she was dying to get married and didn't. She chose not to. Whether she was going to be a mother or not. These are questions that women today deal with as a matter of course but most nineteenth century women would not have even stopped to consider."

> **We've obviously come very far but it is exactly the same issues. Are women going to be treated equally?**
> Cynthia Nixon

Nixon says Dickenson's ideas and words have been a constant in her life. "We had a record at home of Julie Harris reading some of the poems and the letters. I would listen to them again and again so some of the better-known poems and letters I learned by heart."

Dickenson died 130 years ago but Nixon feels there are timely elements in A Quiet Passion for today's audiences.

"If you think about the mid nineteenth century in America and you think about the issues we were dealing with in terms of women, it is a straight line from there to here. We've obviously come very far but it is exactly the same issues. Are women going to be treated equally?

"She saw the jump between the way things are supposed to be and the way things are, and she didn't try to wallpaper over anything."

Cynthia Nixon thought a film about Emily Dickenson would never come together, writes Richard Crouse. CONTRIBUTED

Atwood to soon dominate TV

INTERVIEW

Acclaimed author talks books, shows and cameos

Margaret Atwood is notoriously late for interviews. She's also renowned for not necessarily answering the questions you've posed, but for giving answers to her own unasked queries instead, in turn quizzing the interviewer.

At 77 years old and with more awards and honorary doctorates than are perhaps possible to count, the Canadian author is easily forgiven. If anything, these quirks add to her mischievous charm and wise aura, and leave you feeling as though you've just had an important conversation about the world rather than having simply discussed the latest in "speculative fiction."

That's the wide-reaching, self-definition Atwood attaches to her futuristic, dystopian novels like The Handmaid's Tale and the MaddAddam series, tomes that are proving to be more relevant today than when she first wrote them. And with a number of her works getting the TV treatment — Bravo premieres the Alexis Bledel and Elisabeth Moss-led The Handmaid's Tale on April 30 just as Kids' CBC unrolls a 26-part children's series on April 29 based on the author's Wandering Wenda and Widow Wallop's Wunderground Washery — these stories are about to be available to audiences in more ways than ever before.

Add another CBC adaptation in the upcoming Sarah Gadon-starring Alias Grace and MGM's development of the dystopian offering The Heart Goes Last, and the prolific — and maybe prophetic — author seems to be everywhere these days.

That includes cameos, executive producer titles and even working on a potential sequel to The Handmaid's Tale (although the writer is cagey about that last point, neither confirming nor denying the rumours that surfaced after this month's release of a special audio version of the book that hinted at a followup tale).

"Executive producer is a very stretchy term," she says, going back to her various titles. "What it meant in the case of Wandering Wenda is going through several iterations of ideas and being part of those discussions.

Margaret Atwood in a scene from Alias Grace. CONTRIBUTED

But it didn't mean that I wrote the series because I didn't. It also seems to have meant that I have an introductory cameo at the beginning."

The author says that so far she's impressed with what she's seen of executive producer Bruce Miller's take on The Handmaid's Tale, simply calling it "great" and alluding to more departures from the open-ended novel in the already anticipated second season.

She also reveals that her cameos came with their own challenges. She called her Handmaid's Tale appearance "horribly upsetting" and "too much like history" in a guest column for the New York Times (watch for a slightly physical scene between Atwood and Moss's character Offred in the pilot), and reveals less than ideal weather conditions for a top-secret stint in Alias Grace, which does not yet have an air date.

For those keeping track, TV is just the latest extension of Atwood's brand. Between her novels, children's series, the third volume of her first graphic novel, Angel Catbird, planned for summer, not to mention a plethora of speaking engagements, red carpets and media events tied to The Handmaid's Tale release (she'll be at a screening of the first episode at Innis College April 26), Atwood has far from limited herself creatively.

"How is it that I can do all these different things?" she wonders. "Always did. Always have. In high school, on one hand I was writing dismal poetry but on the other hand I was putting on the world's only home economics opera."

Given all that, you can't blame us for wondering where she'll venture next. Wherever it is, just don't call her a prophet.

"I'm not a prophet. Honest, I'm not a prophet. If I were a prophet I would have cleaned up on the stock market years ago."

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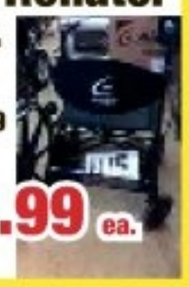

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Romance is 'like a pair of odd socks'

INTERVIEW

Ethan Hawke says he relishes chance to play gruff character

Richard Crouse
For Metro Canada

In Maudie, a biopic of Nova Scotia folk artist Maud Lewis, Ethan Hawke plays Everett, the artist's brusque husband. "You walk funny," he says when he first meets her. "You a cripple? You sick?"

In other words, he's not exactly a charmer.

"It's always fun and such and such a great experience to get to play a character that audiences love," says Hawke. "It feels really good. But often to tell a really interesting story you have to play people who are badly behaved. I feel that as gruff and as unacceptable as a lot of Everett's behaviour is, it is not uncommon at all of men of that time period. I remember my grandmother always accusing my grandfather of not wanting a wife but a maid. He's somebody that in the course of that relationship learns how to love."

As romance blossoms between them, Maud's art — handmade postcards, paintings — slowly gains fans, including Vice President Richard Nixon who purchased a landscape by mail. As Maud's increasing recognition threatens Everett's simple way of life their union becomes strained.

"I found that story really surprising. The subtle details of their internal power shifts, I thought, were really true to life. All long-term relationships have strange power dynamics and the behaviour within the couple is always shifting about who's in charge and in charge of what, and what that does to their love and how that changes."

The couple is, as Maud says, "like a pair of odd socks."

"I thought it was a beautiful journey to go from someone who was abusive to somebody who knew how to love and care for another person. That's an interesting character to get to play."

A romance blossoms between Everett (Ethan Hawke), and Maud Lewis (Sally Hawkins) in Maudie, a biopic. CONTRIBUTED

The script caught his eye not only because of the chance to play a complicated character but also because of his affinity for Nova Scotia.

"I bought a place in Nova Scotia probably in the late nineties. I've been going up there once or twice a year every since then. I love it up there.

"Through a friend of a friend they thought I might like the script just because I like Nova Scotia so much. They were right. Of course then they tricked me and the shooting ended up being in Newfoundland. I thought I could shoot this movie and live in my house, but I couldn't."

Maudie is a movie about small moments; an exchanged look, a caress. Like its real-life inspirations, the film is unpretentious — occasionally gruff but always honest and truthful.

"Most of us aren't in giant espionage battles or helicopter chases. Most of us don't need a superhero," Hawke says. "For most of us the real events of our lives correspond around love. The losing of it, the gaining of it. How we feel about any given time period of our life has to do with that and I think it is very difficult to make love stories for adults because they're very complicated.

LOST ART

Maud Lewis painting to be displayed

A recently discovered painting by Maud Lewis went on display Tuesday, as the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia highlights its collection of the famed folk artist's works to coincide with a new feature film on her life.

The work entitled "Portrait of Eddie Barnes and Ed Murphy, Lobster Fishermen, Bay View, N.S.," was recently found by volunteers sorting through donations to the Mennonite Central Committee Thrift Centre in New Hamburg, Ont.

The painting will be on display Tuesday through Sunday. The painting will also be on view from April 21 to May 19 at the Homer Watson House and Gallery in Kitchener. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Writers don't always follow their own advice

Genna Buck
Metro Canada

Mathematician and journalist Ben Blatt, author of the new book Nabokov's Favourite Word is Mauve, set out to see what big data had to say about some of the biggest names in books.

He digitally analyzed the thousands of texts, from classics to bestsellers, and came up with some surprising findings.

Notorious adverb-hater Ernest Hemingway, for instance, was an average adverb user. Fan-fiction authors use a colossal number of exclamation points.

And yes, Russian literary giant Vladimir Nabokov had a curious fondness for the adjective "mauve." Metro spoke with Blatt about the secrets hiding in our favourite reads.

Where did you get the idea for this book?
I had this thought that every book essentially has 100,000 data points, if you consider a word a data point. And I didn't think anyone had really gone through these books to do experiments, who had an interest in writing and also a math background.

What were the big takeaways?
This book is not prescriptive. But I did spend some time going through classic advice from writers. For example, Elmore Leonard said not to use exclamation points. At the time, he was actually an average user of exclamation points. Then, he followed his own advice and started using hardly any. That was a reoccurring pattern: A lot of times writers tend to give advice on things they might not be following themselves. Looking at the numbers is more informative.

What were some of the most surprising findings?
In the last 50 to 55 years, the sentences have gotten shorter and words have gotten simpler in New York Times bestsellers. It's about two grade levels. The most complex book since 2010 would have been the most simple in the 1960s. It's a very noticeable shift in what is considered writing that would reach the masses.

Any new insights into well-known writers?
A lot of writers say not to open on weather. But Danielle Steele, who is one of the most-read authors writing today, I went through 90 of her books, and close to 50 per cent begin with weather.

I also looked at which authors used 4,000 of the most common clichés. In particular James Patterson, who by most counts is the most-read, most-sold author in America living today, uses the most clichés by a wide margin, even compared to similar authors. But apparently people love his writing, so it's hard to fault him.

Did you come out with a new idea about what makes a great writer?
What makes a great writer is definitely unique style. More concise, more direct, less fluff, that's just the way that writing is drifting today. Those types of books are more likely to be well-read and well-reviewed.

BY THE NUMBERS

55%

Blatt looked at the ratio of the pronoun 'he' to the pronoun 'she' in classic literature and bestsellers. Books by women had a slightly female-centered approach: generally 55-60 per cent 'she.'

75%

But the average for males is closer to 75 or 80 per cent 'he.'

95%

And some books that are considered great are 95 per cent or more 'he.'

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"You never come across a book that's taught in school that is the opposite of that," says Blatt. "The Hobbit was a really striking one. There literally is just one 'she.'"

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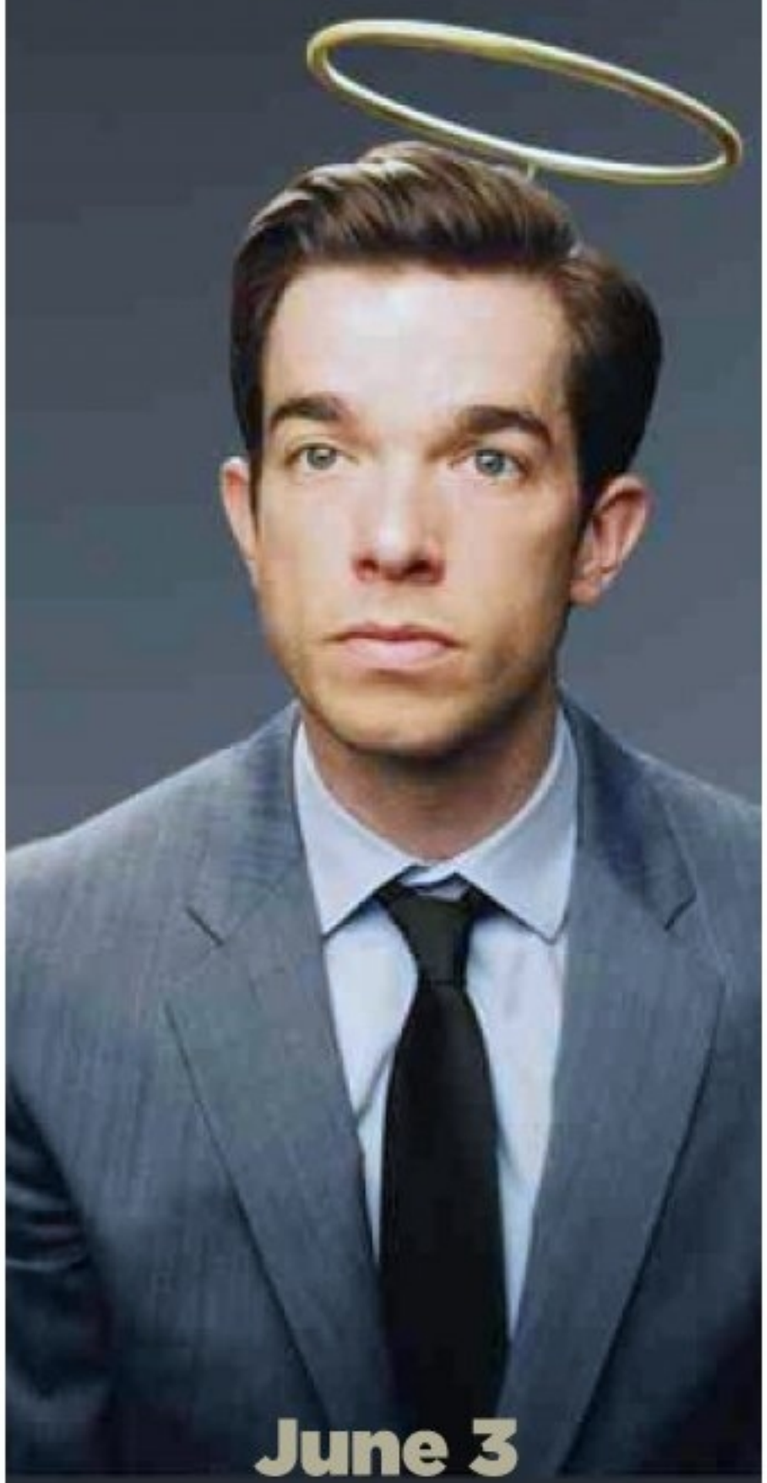

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Lilly Singh proves she's a total Bawse

INTERVIEW

YouTube star trades viral for vulnerable in debut book

Sue Carter
For Metro Canada

Lilly Singh is often called an overnight success, but in reality, her fairytale rise to fame is the result of what your grandma might have called old-fashioned elbow grease.

In late March, the YouTube superstar made her third appearance on the Tonight Show with Jimmy Fallon. Within a week, after releasing a couple new videos, Singh returned to her old high school, Lester B. Pearson Collegiate Institute in Scarborough, presenting on behalf of First Books Canada, a literacy program that donated 650 copies of her new book, How to Be a Bawse: A Guide to Conquering Life, to an auditorium full of screaming teenagers.

The following day in Toronto, while on her international 34-date book tour, Singh sits in a boardroom at her Canadian publisher, Penguin Random House Canada, for media interviews. There's a handmade pillow sewn by her mother on the chair beside her, a reminder of home wherever she travels.

Singh was 22, living in her parents' Markham home, depressed and caught in a dead-end job when she started producing her own YouTube videos under the alias Superwoman.

Her early content catered mostly to South Asian teens, but as she began to share more observations about life as a young woman, the universality of her mildly feminist messages and straight-up comedy went viral.

In a few years, Singh has amassed over 11 million subscribers and two billion views on the video platform, a sold-out international comedy tour and a role in the Mila Kunis film Bad Moms. Forbes declared her the highest-paid woman on YouTube and its third-highest earner overall, with estimated 2016 earnings of $7.5 million USD.

Forbes declared Singh the highest-paid woman on YouTube and its third-highest earner overall. GETTY IMAGES

Singh had been offered book deals before signing with Random House for How to Be a Bawse, but didn't feel she had enough to say.

"I didn't want to write a book just for the sake of it," she says. "I want it to be something that has a point of view, and a message. A lot of cool things have happened and I feel that I need to extract the lessons from those experiences. Now I feel I can offer something."

Singh says writing the book, which took a year, allowed her to show a more vulnerable side to her fans.

How to be a Bawse caters mostly to her young 13–24 demographic, but her message to millennials is old school, with chapter titles like Don't Overthink and Commit to Your Decisions.

"We are in this environment where we're easily validated by social media," says Singh.

"No one wants to go to the gym, they'd rather take a selfie at the gym. But I want to bring back the art of hard work." (If there's doubt that the BuzzFeed generation is open to motivational advice from books, Bawse became a national bestseller the week after its release.)

Singh tries to live up to her own advice. Yet she is also fearful of reaching a level of super-stardom where her values become blurry.

Every morning she reminds herself: "This is great but don't forget the person you want to be."

That also meant learning how to publicly acknowledge her successes. Singh used to be embarrassed about the Forbes article, fearful of coming across as boastful. But now, in true bawse style, she says, "I own it and say I am super proud."

Sue Carter is the editor at Quill & Quire magazine.

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Don't compromise because it's outside

DECOR

Patio trends: Contrast and unexpected fabrics are in

A patio area in Los Angeles designed by Burnham of Burnham Design. Rather than a set of matching outdoor furnishings, designers are encouraging clients to mix and match a variety of styles and brands. CONTRIBUTED

For decades, "outdoor decorating" meant arranging a few nice chairs and a table near a barbecue, then adding an umbrella. But as patios and decks have morphed into "outdoor living rooms," the bar has risen for outdoor style and comfort.

HGTV Design Star judge Vern Yip says he knew we'd reached a new level of outdoor decorating this year when he discovered a fully upholstered, tufted, Chesterfield-style sofa designed for outdoor use. It's not a less comfortable, backyard version of a classic piece of furniture; it's a classic piece of furniture that happens to be weather-proof.

As warm weather returns, we've asked Yip and two other experts — interior designer Betsy Burnham of Burnham Design in Los Angeles, and Sarah Fishburne, director of trend and design for The Home Depot — for the furnishings, colour palettes and accessories they are using to make outdoor spaces even more luxurious and inviting.

Mix and match

It's been decades since people shopped for a "suite of furniture" for a bedroom or living room. But until recently, Burnham says, that's been a common approach to outdoor space. That's changing, she says, with people seeking a new look that doesn't seem lifted from a catalogue.

Designers are encouraging clients to mix and match. Fishburne says retailers have noticed. At Home Depot, her design team selects a few shades and makes sure they are consistent throughout the furniture offered that season. So "chili red," for example, will be the same shade if you buy a rug from one brand and pillows from another.

And rather than having to buy a group of identical dining chairs, Fishburne says many chairs are now available in sets of two that can be paired with a contrasting style. There are also more outdoor styles available than ever.

Aluminum-frame furniture is back. "It's the sort of stuff your grandparents used to have, but the 2.0 version," Yip says. "The proportions are what we like today, deeper and bigger and more comfortable."

If you're worried about how to mix and match successfully, try one of these approaches: You can mix furniture frames, perhaps using a few teak pieces alongside metal or woven resin pieces, and then keep all the cushions or pillows the same. Or you can use all metal or all resin frames from different brands and mix up the pillows and cushions. Either way, you have consistency and a unique look.

Don't settle

"If you had put an outdoor sofa and in indoor sofa side by side in front of a consumer a year ago or two years ago," Yip says, no one would have had trouble picking out which was which. Today, he says, "you really can't tell the difference."

So take time to shop for what you love, rather than settling for typical outdoor furniture. There are outdoor fabrics that feel as soft as what you'd expect indoors and cushions that are just as soft and deep. Yip says the newest outdoor cushions offer two layers of foam and then a top layer made of a down alternative.

Seek "that super-plush feeling with your outdoor furniture that you're used to feeling with your indoor furniture," he says.

Start with your favourite interior design retailers. They're likely to offer outdoor options.

"It's not just at the patio store anymore," says Burnham. For example, she says, Design Within Reach and Restoration Hardware both offer wide selections of outdoor furnishings.

Seek next-level details

Outdoor storage has become even more inventive: You'll find "console tables that have built-in coolers, or daybeds that have built-in coolers," Yip says.

And outdoor accessories have "detailing and embellishments that used to be reserved for indoor stuff," Yip says, including hurricane lanterns with mother-of-pearl detailing and pillows with feathers, beading or embroidery.

"We've figured out how to have all this detailing, all this embellishment," he says, and "how to have it on the outside, so it does endure and it does last."

To define your outdoor space and bring in plants and flowers, Fishburne recommends large "statement planters." They come pre-planted with a mix of plants that look stylish and grow well together.

Most important: Go for a look you love, rather than one that's perfectly co-ordinated.

"All the rules have kind of been broken," says Fishburne. "No one says you have to have a matching cocktail table in front of your chairs."

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Little kitchens can produce big results

INTERIORS

Make the most of a small footprint with multi-use tools

While a spacious, well-appointed kitchen may be the dream of many home cooks, it's possible to create culinary magic in even the smallest spaces, says food expert Vijaya Selvaraju.

Selvaraju, who appears on The Marilyn Denis Show, has her own YouTube cooking channel and is a Tastemaker on the video network Tastemade, says the key to cooking in tight confines is "to whittle it down to the basics."

Small spaces require countertop appliances that multitask, such as a blender or food processor, says Selvaraju. Forced to choose between the two, she'd go for the blender, as it can handle "almost everything — pancake batter, hummus, blended soups and smoothies."

If you do go for a food processor, Selvaraju recommends getting to know the attachments. "A lot of people don't use them, but they can do a lot." She suggests keeping them in a sealed plastic bag inside a drawer or cupboard, so they're not forgotten.

Selvaraju isn't bullish on gadgets, but she says she uses her Microplane grater almost daily. "Once you start using it, you can't really switch it out for any other grater. I use it for ginger, chocolate, parmesan, garlic — it's so much easier than ... mincing."

She also finds room for a waffle maker. "I use (the waffle maker) as a panini press, for omelets and toasted sandwiches and in a pinch to grill meat," she says.

To most effectively use freezer space, Selvaraju recommends putting leftovers in plastic bags, with the contents flattened out, so they can be stacked in the freezer. "They'll also defrost faster, so you can get them to the table more quickly," she adds.

Compact appliances can certainly play a role in space-starved kitchens. Panasonic's small-footprint Countertop Induction Oven, for example, which uses induction and infrared heating (up to 230 C with almost no preheat time) can be tucked under a shelf or cupboard.

For small kitchens, designer Jamie Alexander likes Liebherr's Superiore, a 24-inch gas range he says "is a life changer."

Designer Melandro Quilatan likes a monochromatic scheme to reduce "visual clutter." Toronto-based designer Grace Castaneda agrees, she also suggest choosing matching materials for the counter and backsplash. "Just make sure you find a place for art," she says, "even if it's just a short run on open shelving or a countertop." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Renovation reveals 'real' port

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Marseille shows design of public space has big impact

Vieux-Port, the Old Port of Marseille, has been known for centuries as one of the grand Mediterranean ports. It's the largest urban harbour in Europe.

Renowned landscape architect Michel Desvigne describes it as "a legendary place embodying the essence of the city."

But the Vieux-Port of France's second largest city had become increasingly hostile to pedestrians — architectural and visual barriers blocked access to 80 per cent of the area. It was also overrun with cars and yacht clubs, which discouraged tourists and residents from gathering there.

"We needed to bring Marseille into the 21st century," says Marseille's Mayor Jean-Claude Gaudin. "This is where the heart of Marseilles beats." With an eye on celebrating the city's year as European Capital of Culture in 2013, Marseille's city council and the Marseille Provence Métropole government got down to business in 2009.

They hired Desvigne, Tangram Architectes in Marseille and Foster + Partners architecture firm in Britain, to redevelop the area. Grant Brooker, senior executive partner at Foster + Partners, says: "Our work was to preserve and strengthen the existing character, rather than seeking to impose a new identity. The master plan involved reclaiming the quaysides as civic space and reconnecting the port with the city."

First, Brooker says, they needed to declutter the quays by moving boat houses and technical installations to new platforms and clubhouses over the water.

Vehicles were then moved away from three wharves, which are now paved in pale granite, evoking the original limestone cobblestones. According to Desvigne, pedestrians now use more than 60 per cent of the area.

"The traffic volumes have dropped sharply from 2,600 to about 1,000 vehicles per hour at peak times of day," he says of the redesign that emerged as a co-winner of the European Prize for Urban Public Space 2014.

On the eastern edge, a reflective stainless-steel canopy has been built. The "ombrière" measures 46-by-22 metres, is six metres tall and open on all sides.

Brooker says the blade of stainless steel is literally a reflection of its surroundings. "This lightweight steel structure is a minimal intervention, appearing as a simple silver reflective line on the horizon, but brings a new focus, provides basic shelter and creates a venue for performances. The structure has been used as a sunshade, an umbrella, a stage for street theatre, art installations and markets. It seems to have really captured people's imagination."

Architect Matevz Celik, a member of the jury that awarded the Urban Public Space award, has high praise for the transformation of the port. "It's a showcase of how, with very simple actions, you can create a great space. It's now a place of spontaneous and organized events in the city."

Gaudin says the city is happy with the revitalization. "Our city has regained its colours in terms of notoriety, reputation and tourism. Fifteen years ago, we only had a few thousand cruise-ship tourists — today, it's a million."

Residents and tourists have glowing reports. Auriem, a server at La Samaritaine, a nearby café, says the change is beautiful. "It's very clean and visitors are very happy with the new face of the harbour. It feels safer and more cosmopolitan. The atmosphere is also a lot quieter and easier."

Marseilles resident Stefane Mabrini says: "Everybody walks along the harbour now. It feels like a big family. It's like a little town in the town."

Shawn Anderson, from Los Angeles, Calif., visited Marseilles last summer. "The area was super consumer- and pedestrian-friendly. The space was wide open and not your normal tight and confined marina or dock. You could see the fresh catch of the day and then enjoy the fruits of the sea at a local restaurant."

Initial renovations took about a year and were completed in March 2013. Total cost of the project amounted to $64 million, with $51 million spent on this first phase. The next phase involves creating a chain of parks.

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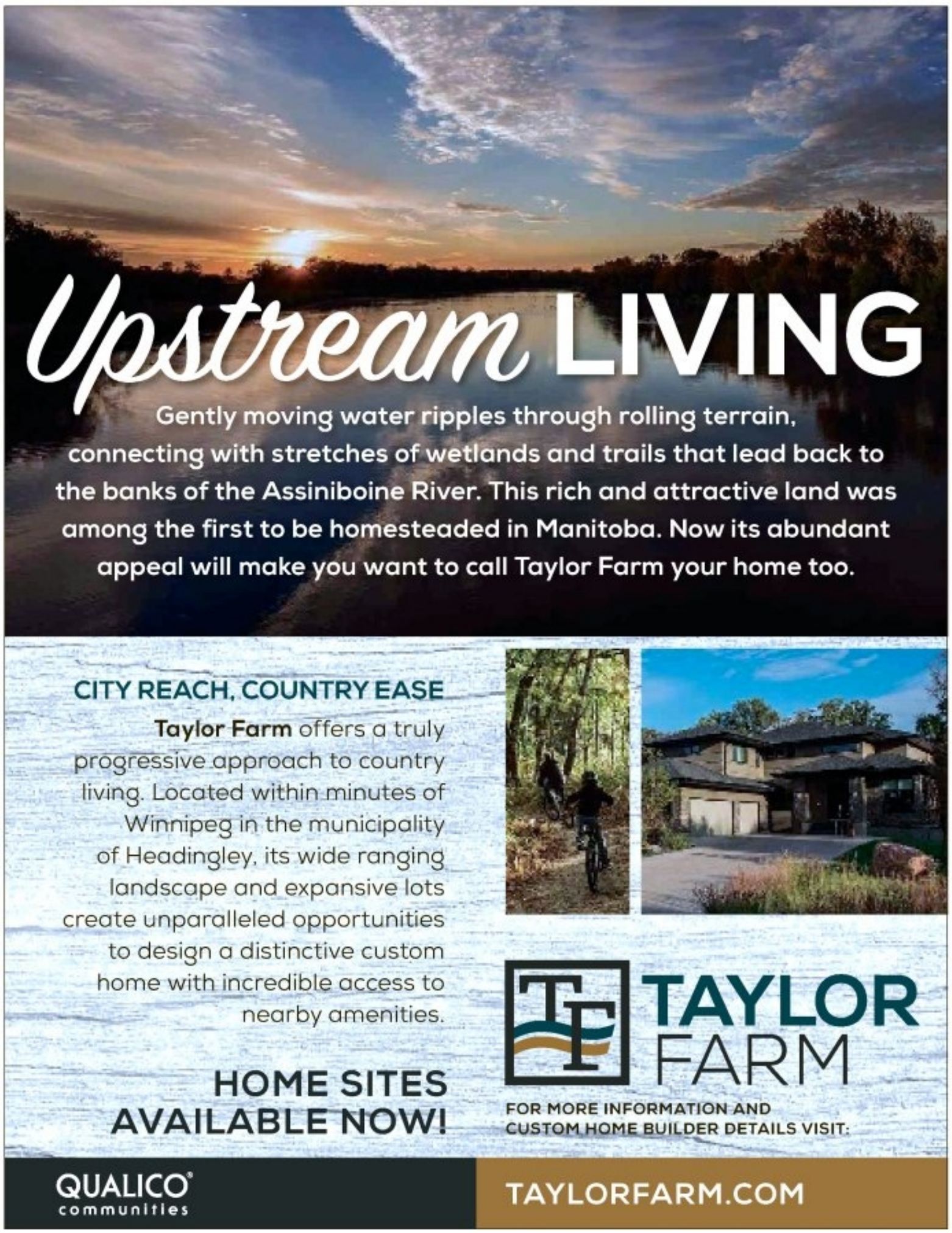
Stainless steel canopy reflects the award-winning redesign of the port area. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



Avoiding mortgage insurance

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By building up your down payment, you can avoid those fees

Camilla Cornell

When Cris Lam bought her pre-construction condo in 2014, she was in the enviable position of having a big enough down payment to avoid mortgage default insurance fees.

Why would she want to avoid insurance, you ask? The simple answer: because mortgage default insurance is really intended to protect the lender, not the homeowner. It ensures if you default on your loan, the bank, trust company or other lender will get its money anyway.

Avoiding the insurance — sold by either Canada Mortgage and Housing Corp. (CMHC) or Genworth — can save the average homeowner a significant amount of cash over time. Fees rose in March for the third time in the last few years, as part of new regulatory requirements that stipulated CMHC and Genworth had to hold more capital to offset risks in the country's booming real estate market.

For example, if the average price of a house is $730,472 (as it was in Toronto last year), according to the CMHC's premium calculator, if you make the minimum down payment on that home of $48,048 and opt to have the CMHC premiums added to your mortgage, you'll pay more than $27,000 over the life of your mortgage. That's nothing to sniff at.

You can avoid those fees and cut down on your interest payments as well by building up your down payment. Here's how:

Cris Lam received financial assistance from her parents to purchase a condo and avoid mortgage insurance costs. PEYMAN SOHEILI

Visit the bank of mom and dad. Lam's secret weapon was her parents. In 2013, they sold the family home, giving Lam, her sister and her brother $200,000 each to purchase a home of their own.

They even sweetened the pot, boosting Lam's share by $30,000 so she could live on the eighth floor of her condo building — "Chinese lucky number 8." Lam says she and all of her siblings are so grateful for the support. "I know it's not trendy, but why not ask your parents — who may be downsizing in the future — to start thinking of what can happen if you get your pre-inheritance now to purchase your future home?" she suggests.

Note that mortgage lenders may ask for a signed 'gift letter' indicating the money doesn't have to be repaid and specifying the amount, who is offering the cash and their relationship to the recipient.

Take a systematic approach to savings. Even with her parents' contribution, Lam needed a financial planner's help to ensure she was debt-free and had spare cash to cover all the additional costs of home ownership.

She met with Victor Godinho, a financial planner with Pangea Personal Financial Planning, who analyzed her spending and delivered some hard truths. "Do you realize you're blowing $800 a month on food?" he asked her.

"I was caught up in the downtown lifestyle," she says. Lam invested in cooking classes and now designates Sunday as prep day for the week. She also replaced dog-walking fees with a doggy daycare to save money.

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> Cris Lam

Avoid lifestyle inflation. You get a raise and you immediately decide you can afford to go out for dinner three nights a week.

Personal finance blogger Barry Choi (moneywehave.com) developed a goal-oriented budget with his (then) fiancée Carla Salvosa. Initially, they focused on saving for the big day. "After the wedding, that money that was being saved for the wedding was now being saved for home down payment," says Choi.

Supplement your day job. Take on a side business or a part-time job, as Choi did with his blog. Within the first two years of its launch, he generated an extra $5,000 towards a down payment on a condo and continues to earn a regular income.

Fixed rate vs variable: making the decision

Unless you have a crystal ball to confer with, knowing whether it's financially advantageous to choose a variable-rate mortgage over a fixed-rate mortgage can feel like a daunting task.

In fact, according to Andrew Roper, a mortgage broker with Dominion Lending Edge Financial, because the offerings for each product are quite different, deciding which option to take on or renew should always boil down to three main criteria: your income, lifestyle and overall risk tolerance.

While many Canadians tend to favour stable, fixed mortgages — 51 per cent of homeowners opted for a five-year fixed rate in 2015 — a host of economic experts tout the merits of variable mortgages when it comes to offering the biggest long-term advantage, crediting them with being the cheaper option over time.

When deciding up on what type of mortgage is best for you, experts recommend considering three main criteria: lifestyle, income and overall risk tolerance. ISTOCK

"It used to be that short-term variable-rate mortgages were by and far the most popular choice for homeowners, but recent changes in interest rates have made fixed rates more competitive, which makes deciding between the two that much more difficult," Roper says.

And, while so much of the selection process is about personal preference, "the life situations a person or couple are experiencing or will potentially experience — think marriage, having a child, changing jobs, retiring — necessitate securing a mortgage ideally suited to those needs," he adds. "It's a process where the pros and cons associated with each mortgage type should be weighed very carefully."

How can you determine which option is best for you? With variable-rate mortgages, the appeal is that your payments go up or down based on changes to the prime rate, which is currently set at 2.7 per cent by the Bank of Canada. In recent years, interest rates have been lower than that of fixed-rate mortgages, allowing for more of your monthly payment to be applied to the principle of your home. The drawback: Since mortgage payments fluctuate according to the prime rate, this means that a hefty increase in said rate will increase your interest payments, as well.

Fixed rates are a different story. Unlike variable rates, these are set for the length of the agreed upon term of your mortgage. Meaning if you have a five-year fixed rate at 2.5 per cent, you'll know exactly how much principal and interest you'll pay on each mortgage payment based on the term chosen. The drawback: Should interest rates drop, you're locked in to paying the higher rate until your fixed term is completed.

What are your mortgage goals? If you haven't already, determine what your long- and short-term goals are, how long you plan to live in your house, and if you're trying to pay off your mortgage quickly, of if having a reliable monthly cash flow is more important to you.

"Talking through these points and then speaking to an expert about them is vital because it puts you in a better position to select which mortgage program is ideal for you," says Roper. "Having this kind of discussion will also open the door to a host of related topics, such as flexible payment options, yearly additional payments to your mortgage and the guidelines that surround them."

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NHL PLAYOFFS

Each bench will have iPads for feedback and challenges

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Just 27 per cent of coach's challenges (86 of 313) were successful in overturning calls this season.

NHL coaches will have more technology on the bench than ever before for the Stanley Cup playoffs.

Three iPad Pros will be available for coaches on every bench and officials will also have them to review coach's challenges, The Associated Press has learned. All 16 playoff arenas have been outfitted with the iPads and also Macs for video coaches as part of a collaboration with Apple.

This season, coaches have been able to use video monitors on the bench to help them decide when to challenge offside and goaltender interference situations. With the iPads, which were tested late in the regular season, they'll have real-time video capabilities to show players their own shifts minutes after they happen as they discuss adjustments.

The monitors had already become a game-changer for coaches, giving them more information on challenges and for player feedback. The technology will be even more valuable in the playoffs when goals are scarcer and the offside and goaltender interference challenges can decide a game — or a series.

The St. Louis Blues lost Game 2 to the Chicago Blackhawks last year when a coach's challenge wiped out a go-ahead goal by Vladimir Tarasenko, and even though they won the series they felt the attrition of needing seven games to advance.

"It's going to be huge in the playoffs," Washington Capitals coach Barry Trotz said. "The referees, the league wants to get it right, the coaches want to get it right."

During the season, 86 of 313 coach's challenges were successful in overturning calls. With the aid of the monitors, headsets and video coaches watching live, each team developed its own step-by-step process in deciding when to challenge a goal for goalie interference or offside and tried to perfect it.

Speed will be key as the league cracks down on coaches who dawdle before deciding to challenge.

"When you have challenges, to have the ability to quickly look at what you're doing and now they're trying to expedite it even that much more," Arizona Coyotes coach Dave Tippett said. "When you're in those critical moments, you've got to make that decision in a hurry. You better have somebody good back there that knows what you want to see and the ability to make the decision quick."

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Capitals head coach Barry Trotz disputes a call with referee Jean Hebert during last season's playoffs. GENE J. PUSKAR/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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> **We look at it because sometimes we're not seeing everything that's going on on the ice ... it's quicker for us to get back to our players and tell them about adjustments.** Senators head coach Guy Boucher

IN BRIEF

Hitchcock heading back behind Stars' bench

Ken Hitchcock is returning to Dallas and will be named the Stars' coach at a news conference Thursday.

A person with direct knowledge of the situation confirmed the hire of the 65-year-old Hitchock, who won the Cup with Dallas in 1999, coaching there for parts of seven seasons from 1995-96 through 2001-02.

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Romine grand slam powers Tigers past Twins

Andrew Romine hit his first career grand slam, and the Detroit Tigers rallied from an early three-run deficit to beat the Minnesota Twins 5-3 on Wednesday.

The Tigers trailed 3-0 before scoring five runs in the fourth inning, with Romine delivering the key hit when his drive to right field easily cleared the wall to give Detroit the lead. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Orridge stepping down as CFL commissioner

Jeffrey Orridge's tenure as CFL commissioner was a short but tumultuous one.

The league dropped a bombshell Wednesday by announcing Orridge — hired just over two years ago — and the CFL's board of governors mutually agreed to part ways effective June 30.

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Dortmund bus bomb suspect arrested

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Islamic radical in custody, Dortmund lose 1st leg to Monaco

German authorities arrested a suspected Islamic extremist Wednesday in their investigation into a bomb attack on a top German soccer team, while the team — missing a defender wounded in the blasts — lost 3-2 to Monaco in a hastily rescheduled Champions League match.

Amid heightened security, the defeat for Borussia Dortmund in Europe's top club competition came less than 24 hours after three explosions shattered a window of the team's bus and rattled nerves across the gritty city in western Germany.

Dortmund coach Thomas Tuchel said after the loss that he felt European soccer's governing body, UEFA, had not taken the attack seriously enough as it swiftly rescheduled the match.

"We weren't asked at all at any time," Tuchel said. "Basically, we had the feeling that we were being treated as if a beer can had hit our bus, and half an hour later the decision was there that (it would be) tomorrow at 6.45 p.m.. That gives you a feeling of powerlessness."

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> Dortmund boss Thomas Tuchel

Armed police officers in body armour patrolled the streets around Dortmund's stadium Wednesday night as locals and visiting fans mingled in a subdued atmosphere. Fans were banned from bringing backpacks to the match and some were frisked — with security officials even checking under their hats.

Earlier in the day, Frauke Koehler, a spokeswoman for German federal prosecutors, said investigators are focusing on two suspected Islamic extremists in the bus attack and searched their homes, arresting one of them.

As the investigation continued, the match delayed by the blasts got underway. Dortmund was without Spanish central defender Marc Bartra, who underwent surgery for injuries to his wrist and arm after the three devices packed with metal pins detonated close to the team bus Tuesday night. Clearly missing Bartra in defence and possibly still shocked by the attack on their bus, Dortmund conceded two goals in the first 35 minutes.

The team fought back after the break, to make it 2-1 in the 57th minute before Kylian Mbappe scored his second in the 79th minute for Monaco. Shinji Kagawa cut the deficit in the 84th minute, but it was not enough to save Dortmund from defeat.

"It was difficult for the team to focus on the game," Dortmund coach Tuchel said.

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Borussia Dortmund fans chanted Marc Bartra's name during the game. The defender was injured after bombs exploded near the Dortmund team bus Tuesday.

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Tex-Mex Grilled Chicken with Corn and Black Bean Salad

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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

The freshness of lime marinade coupled with the fibre-rich salad make this a healthy, satisfying dinner.

Ready in 30 minutes
Prep time: 10
Cook time: 20
Serves: 2 - 3

Ingredients
- 2 chicken breasts
- 2 cups (475 ml) fresh or frozen and thawed corn kernels
1/2 cup finely chopped red onion
- 2 cups (475 ml) no-salt-added cooked black beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 red bell pepper, cored, seeded and diced
- 1/3 cup (80 ml) cilantro leaves, finely chopped

Marinade
- ¼ cup (60 ml) olive oil
- 2 Tbsp (30 ml) fresh lime juice
- 1 Tbsp (15 ml) honey
- pinch salt and pepper

Dressing
- 2 Tbsp (30 ml) fresh lime juice
- 2 Tbsp (30 ml) olive oil
- 1 tsp (5 ml) honey
- Pinch salt and pepper

Directions
1. Preheat grill. In small bowl, whisk together your marinade ingredients.
2. Use about 2/3 of it to coat chicken on a plate.
3. Rinse onions in cold water, drain and place in a large bowl along with the black beans, red pepper and cilantro. Whisk together the dressing ingredients and pour over black bean mixture. Stir in the corn.
4. Grill chicken 10 minutes over medium/high heat. Turn over and grill for another 10 minutes.
5. Serve chicken with corn and black bean mixture. Top with cilantro and a squeeze of lime.

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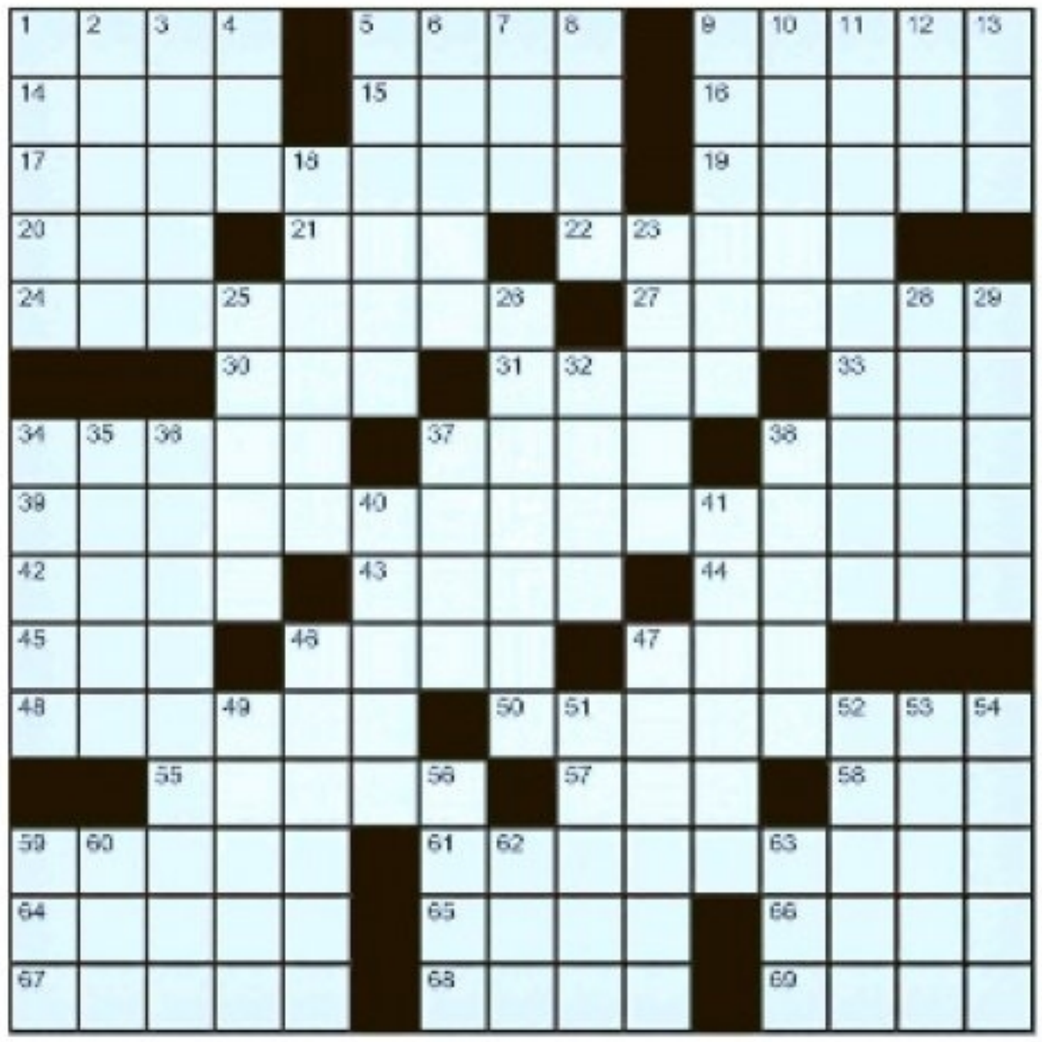

ACROSS
1. She-chickens
5. Wonky
9. Montreal 'morning'
14. Farm song bit: "Here __, there..."
15. "Begone!"
16. "Bust __" by Young MC
17. Inspirational, like feel good movies
19. Recorded
20. Full amt.
21. Allow
22. Bitter
24. Derelict buildings, perhaps
27. The Kennedy Center __ (Performing arts achievement awards)
30. Play on words
31. Genghis __ (Mongol emperor)
33. Rap music's Kim
34. Titanic passenger, John Jacob __ IV (b.1864 - d.1912)
37. Dining room table lengthener
38. Other
39. Saskatchewan village: 2 wds.
42. Fossil fuel form
43. Red __ (Spicy cinnamon candies)
44. American author, Fannie __ (b.1885 - d.1968)
45. Legendary bird
46. Quasi
47. Director Mr. Pollack, to pals
48. Famously low-in-carbs diet
50. Contributes one's point of view: 2 wds.
55. Daggers
57. Apricot-like fruit
58. Alphabetic trio
59. Entertain, as a comedian
61. Premium knitting supply
64. "Finding Vivian __" (2013)
65. "Heat of the Moment" band
66. Horse speed
67. Paul who famously sang "Nessun Dorma"
68. Mr. Danson's
69. Parched

DOWN
1. High, in Hull
2. Drained of liquid
3. __ prosequi (Not proceeding, in law)
4. "__ heard..."
5. 'Backward' at sea
6. Canadian flag hues, red and __
7. Mr. Howard
8. __ mat
9. __-of-honour
10. Mightily, archaically
11. Highest money amount: 2 wds.
12. "__ had it!" (Enough!)
13. Mr. Beatty
18. Cake shop
23. Fray
25. Go bad, as milk
26. Variant-spelled doubter
28. Hazards
29. Rain/snow mix
32. Triumphant laughs!
34. Capital of Ghana
35. "Darn it!"
36. Athleisure attire
37. Weaving machine
38. Dodge
40. Guess Who's "__ Eyes"
41. Poetry features
46. Scoundrel's 'smiles'
47. "The Lion King 2: __ Pride" (1998)
49. Map detail
51. Muggy
52. Gooey campfire treat
53. The Koh-_-__ Diamond
54. "Cape Fear" (1991) star Nick
56. Blinds strip
59. Guitarist's blaster
60. Psychedelic rocker's jacket
62. Peer Gynt's mother
63. Kilograms and pounds, for short

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
You will be impulsive and spontaneous today, because you have a strong desire to do your own thing. Feelings of freedom make you want to set your own boundaries and determine your own course.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
This could be a restless day for you because you will rebel against anything that restricts you. You do not want to be confined or held back by rules. (Yes, you feel rebellious.)

Gemini May 22 - June 21
A friend might surprise you today by doing something quite outrageous. Or perhaps you will meet someone new who is outrageous. Either way, it's fascinating.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
You do not want people telling you what to do today, especially bosses, parents and teachers. You want to call the shots.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
You have your own ideas about religion and politics and do not want others to try to dissuade you. You also might impulsively travel somewhere today.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Discussions about inheritances and shared property might suddenly change today. You might want things to be different, or perhaps somebody else does. Be alert to whatever happens, because it might surprise you.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Friends and partners are unpredictable today. They will either surprise you or respond to you in a surprising way.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You want the freedom to do your own thing at work today. You also might want to introduce reforms and better ways of doing things. Why not?

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Dealing with children might be challenging today, because they want control over their actions. Likewise, romantic relationships will be full of surprises.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
It's hard to predict how a discussion with a parent or an authority figure at home will go today. You don't want anyone telling you what to do. You also want to break free of routine. (This will be interesting.)

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You're full of bright and clever ideas because you can think outside the box. For sure, your daily routine will change. Stay flexible.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Watch your money today, because things are unpredictable. You might find money, or you might lose money. Keep your eyes open.

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